

**MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

November 19, 2002

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Morgan Martin, LM, ND  
Marijke van Roojen, LM  
Barry Brown, MD  
Leslie Gesner, LM

MIDWIFERY PROGRAM

STAFF PRESENT: Paula Meyer, Executive Director

OTHER DOH STAFF

PRESENT: Tim Fuller, Board of Pharmacy  
Mary Dale, Health Professions Quality  
Assurance Division  
Jana Pruski, Newborn Screening Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amanda Feldman, LM  
Shaheeda Laura Pierce, LM  
Audrey Levine, LM  
Beth Falanga, ND, LM

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

1.1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as written.

1.2. Approval of Minutes - June 4, 2002 and October 15, 2002

Minutes of the June 4, 2002 meeting and notes from the October 15, 2002 meeting were approved as revised.

The October 15, 2002 meeting was convened. Due to concerns of inadequate notification to the public of the meeting and agenda items, the meeting was adjourned and rescheduled for November 19, 2002. The interested party list was reviewed and updated, and notices of today's meeting were sent to all licensed midwives and those members on the interested party list.

2. Standard of Midwifery Practice

The document submitted for review at the rules workshop conducted on September 25, 2002 has been revised according to suggested changes verbalized in the workshops. Today's document is dated October 4, 2002. Minor changes to the document were discussed. Actual cases that have occurred in the licensed midwifery program and how the standards would be used were discussed. During the discussion, RCW 7.70, the law regarding informed consent, was discussed. There is a provision in this RCW regarding refusal and documentation of the refusal. The Committee felt this would be beneficial to include in the copies of their law-book as well as the RCW defining reportable diseases. The cost of including this in the copies of the law-books and sending his revised copy to all midwives will be evaluated. This evaluation will be an agenda item for the next committee meeting.

The Committee recommended a rule to reference the document, with the date of publication. In the document item 3.2: consider deleting "scope of practice", and in item 5.2, replace "provides" with "foster".

A second rule was recommended to address standards of resuscitation. The language could be: "Demonstrates currency in community standard for adult and neonatal resuscitation training."

3. Legend Drugs and Devices

The use of epinephrine for neonatal resuscitation was discussed. Currently, licensed midwives can carry epinephrine for maternal anaphylaxis. Discussion ensued related to the practice of epinephrine umbilical injection for neonatal resuscitation. Jeannette Zaichkin, DOH, stated that bag/mask ventilation is the current and best practice and a critical skill in neonatal resuscitation rather than use of umbilical epinephrine.

Attachments include the draft language for the standards of practice and the legend drugs and devices

4. Budget

4.1. Review the number of expired licenses and/or licenses that have not been renewed since the January fee rose to determine if the fee raise is having a negative effect on the budget.

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| Licensed Active Midwives | October 7, 2002 | 102 |
|                          | July 25, 2002   | 114 |
|                          | May 5, 2002     | 117 |

5. Case Management and Investigation Procedures

Deferred to the next meeting.

6. 2003 Meeting Dates

Next meeting: March 4, 2003, possibly in the Kent office.

Agenda items to include:

- MEAC accreditation. A book was donated to the office from Shaheeda Pierce related to this. Leslie and Kendra will be conducting some meetings related to this issue.
- Midwifery in training rules.
- Drafting the Washington Add-on examination.

Copies of the minutes with attachments are to be mailed to all interested party list for comment.

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ADJOURNMENT:        The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Minutes  
prepared by Paula Meyer, Executive Director.